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**Sent:** 2/4/2019 2:32:14 PM  
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**CC:** McNally, Robert [McNally.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FROM OMB: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance for Plant Biostimulant Products: Label Claims Excluded or Regulated under FIFRA as Plant Regulator Claims (RIN 2070-ZA21) - Interagency Comments

Russell,

You'll need to go through the guidance document and respond to OMB comments.

-Melissa

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**From:** Jones, Russell  
**Sent:** Monday, February 04, 2019 9:25 AM  
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Melissa:

I know that the shutdown ended a two weeks ago, but I was on previously scheduled and approved AL last week. Additionally, I was locked out of my computer and could not read any emails over the last 40 days or so until this morning.

I'm in the same place that TJ is in in needing to re-activate my brain cells. I saw that you made a comment about the Guidance Document needing more work. Could you give me a short summary of what I need to do, or is it self-explanatory in the body of the document?

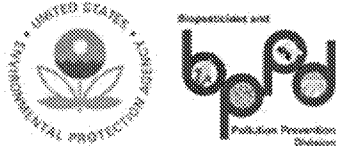
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 3:23 PM

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Hi all,

Welcome back.

Here's where we left off on biostimulants:

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We'll need to get our responses back to OMB.

I'll check with Danielle about USDA's comments and rescheduling the DOJ call.

Thanks!

-Melissa

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I am OK with the new language.

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Hi all,

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-Melissa

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Please note that the call with DOJ will need to be scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. DOJ indicated that they are available on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know your availability (2 or more times if possible).

I'm attaching a revised version of the FR Notice.

Thanks!

-Melissa

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**From:** Gsell, Alyssa

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Thanks.

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Hi all,

Here's the mark-up for the FR Notice.

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Please forward your comments to everyone on this e-mail.

Thanks!

-Melissa

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We walked through the comments, made assignments, and flagged one that will need to be raised to the DAA's.

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We'll send the mark-ups around on Monday for folks to comment on.

This is the comment that was flagged in the Summary for the guidance document:

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Thanks everyone!

-Melissa

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Hi all,

Here are the interagency reviewer comments from OMB.

We go through them at 11 am.

-Melissa

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Good morning Melissa,

Please find attached the interagency reviewers comments on the Guidance for Plant Biostimulant Products: Label Claims Excluded or Regulated under FIFRA as Plant Regulator Claims (RIN 2070-ZA21).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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